

William Leslie Webb (age: 40.)

Cathedral Choir School in Manchester (he's a spoiled musician)

Trinity College, Dublin, where he read honours course in Modern Literature. Has special interest in Irish writing from Yeats and Joyce on. Edited T.C.D. (Trinity College students magazine) and conducted the college singers.

Was a reporter with ~~The~~ Irish Times for a short time and came to the Manchester Guardian (reporter) in 1956.

Has been Literary Editor (Guardian) since 1960.

Founded the Guardian Fiction Prize of 200 guineas "For work of originality and promise" in 1965

Twice edited the Bedside Guardian

At present working on Manchester history (a social history) for Gollancz.

Contacts with Czech writers - went to report during the first Czech crisis in July.

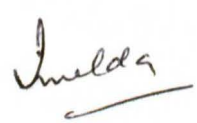
Present whereabouts not certain - was in Vienna (August 28) If there's any way to get into Czechoslovakia he'll be there !

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Dear Jill,

Sorry - very rushed. Can you call me sometime Thursday ? Around 4 p.m. would be fine - anytime if that's not convenient for you. If I'm not in my room leave a message and I'll phone you as soon as possible.

Cheers,



p.s. do we have to tell his age ?